

What is claimed is:

1. A data processing system for calculating charges to customers, comprising:

a database, for managing customer data required for
5 calculating said charges to customers;

rule management means, for storing a rule that, in advance, defines a charge calculation method that is employed in accordance with the type of customer service that is rendered; and

10 calculation means, for, in accordance with the contents of said customer data read from said database, obtaining for a pertinent customer, from said rule management means, said rule that defines a charge calculation method, and for calculating a charge.

2. A data processing system for calculating charges to customers, comprising:

a database, for managing customer data required for calculating said charges to customers;

5 rule management means, for storing a rule that, in advance, defines a charge calculation method that is employed in accordance with the type of customer service that is rendered;

10 a discount table, which is described in said rule that defines a charge calculation method, for storing a charge discount ratio that is employed for said charge calculation in accordance with the type of customer service that is rendered; and

15 calculation means, for, in accordance with the contents of said customer data read from said database, obtaining for a pertinent customer, from said rule management means, said rule that defines a charge calculation method, and for calculating a charge by referring to said charge discount ratio defined in said pertinent rule.